

Indianapolis Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council
1-21-2014

Those present: Stacie Hurrell, Frank Merritt, Matthew Grimes, Kevin Whited, Pete Fritz, Jen Higginbotham, Jamison Hutchins, Alan Rainey, Mark Zwoyer, Lauren Day, Connie Szabo Schmucker, Joan Cook

Meeting was called to order at 3:00pm

This is the first month and meeting that official minutes are being taken.

Project Updates

An update of projects was given by Jamison Hutchins, the Bike/Ped Coordinator for the City of Indianapolis. A written update was provided by Jamison and will be an addendum to the minutes. Additionally, it was discussed that:

The Eagle Creek Greenway that is being designed in four sections will be put to bid in the June/July time frame.

There will be a public meeting concerning the Pogue's Run Greenway probably in May.

Clarification that the Pleasant Run Connector will include both a sidewalk and a protected cycle track.

It was discussed that a conversation needed to happen with Office of Sustainability PIO Scott Manning on what the IMBAC would like to see in terms of links to plans dealing with bike facilities and other information on the website.

Updates, Events and New Items

Bike Share – that bikes and stations have been ordered.

Polar Bear Pedal: there were approximately 1,030 registrants although the actual number of riders was not known. Jamison indicated that there was some discussion about possibly having a volunteer count the riders about a mile into the ride to get an idea on the actual number of riders. There was some discussion about the logistics at intersections with IMPD because of the ride being so large and bicyclists being so spread out because of the nature of the ride (weather, family event). The after action with IMPD other city staff will be later this week.

An update of Southwest Way Park was given by Frank Merritt (Hoosier Mountain Biking Association). Also discussed was the probability of upcoming trail maintenance classes.

HBA has hired a full time staff person –Tammy Mebane

HMBA is also in the process of organizing and mountain bike team committee for schools-they also plan to work with YMCA and will have donated bikes.

There was discussion about the noise level in the current location of this meeting at the YMCA Bike Hub and possibly moving the date of the meeting so that we could be accommodated at the Platform (there is already a standing monthly meeting there at this time). The consensus of the group was to not move the meeting but look for an alternate location. Jamison Hutchins will be checking into possibly setting up a standing meeting at the Old Indiana State Museum location at Ohio and Alabama where some other city staff have located to.

Kevin Whited of IndyCog indicated that they are looking for someone to run the Bike to Work Day event which is the 3rd Friday of May (May 16th this year).

Kevin Whited reported that IndyCog wants to double the number of Bicycle Friendly businesses from 14-28.

It was announced that Carol Terry, Molly Trueblood (possibly), Kevin Whited, Jamison Hutchins and Connie Szabo Schmucker will be attending the Nation Bike Summit March 3-5th.

Connie Szabo Schmucker indicated that she will be working on some type of participation in the National Bike Challenge. An idea for Indianapolis would be a Million Miles in May, ambitious, but doable.

Also Connie indicated that she, Nancy Stimson, Nancy Tibbet and Jess Hall will be meeting to discuss doing something for Cyclofemme to encourage more women to ride. A Mother's Day bike ride along with other events are being discussed.

Connie updated the group on the ownership transition from Randy Clark to Scott Helvie that will take place with BGI over the next 5-10 years.

Upcoming events:

Bike to the Ballpark on April 10th
Spring Fever Ride on April 12th
Mayor's Bike Ride on June 7th
N.I.T.E Ride on June 28th

Committee Reports:

Committee reports this month consisted of what each established as priority goals for 2014 as was discussed through email feedback and at the December meeting.

Engineering

1. Official weigh in by the Engineering Committee on the Indy Rezone Process to incorporate bike related zoning elements such as parking
2. Work with the City to develop bicycle amenity design standards
3. Documentation, standardization, and reporting of annual progress on bicycle projects
4. On-going review of projects and plans

Evaluation and Planning

1. Ensure that manual bicycle and pedestrian counts are conducted twice annually and that the results are submitted to the National Bike and Pedestrian Documentation Project
2. Evaluate data that is collected for all counts done in the City

Equity

This group has not formally met but the main goal will be to do an assessment of where we are at currently.

Encouragement

1. Work with businesses to help them find ways that can encourage employees and patrons to commute
2. Work to promote pedal and park at high profile city events through permit applications process, etc.

Education

1. Work with the Indiana BMV to make sure any new laws that pertain to bicycling are incorporated into the manual and driver education classes
2. Offer the League of American Bicyclists Smart Cycling and Traffic Skills 101 course regularly
3. Work on consistent messaging with schools, advocacy groups, city and others on bicycle safety.
4. Develop "on the bike" workshops for city staff, public safety officers, city-county councilors and decision makers

Enforcement

1. Continually analyze and advocate for laws that make bicycling safer
2. Develop PSA for both the general public on laws around bicycling for both the rider and the driver AND police officers so they are knowledgeable about laws so they can enforce them properly (also on how to fill out a police report correctly when a bicyclist is involved)

New Items

Jamison gave an update on the work of Trendy Minds as it relates to bicycling as part of the Knozone program they are working on. Work has just begun and they are in the process of doing "key informant" interviews. Jamison will update us next month on next steps. The group was interested in a pre and post survey being done to evaluate the effectiveness campaign they recommend/implement.

Joan will have the work plan for 2014 for each of the committees in a separate document for review next month. The plan will be to put that work plan on the Bikeways webpage.

Someone from Indy Rezone will be the speaker at our February Meeting.

An update was given on the proposed Bike Boulevard for the King Park area, Steve McCloud of the CDC is actively involved in the effort.

Jamison informed the group that the Green lane application had been submitted and that we should hear back in early March.

Updates were given on legislation being considered for this session:

SB49-3ft passing bill; please call your legislators, committee chair has indicated no time to hear it

SB69-Trails and imminent domain-dead

HB1080-proceeding through red light if light doesn't change (motorcycles and bikes)

SB147-Complete Street

SB176,HB1034,SB213-Transit

HB1023-bicycle trail maintenance fees on bikes

More details about these bills can be found at www.healthbydesignonline.org and www.indycog.org

The meeting adjourned at 4:21PM